

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Plant Protection & Quarantine  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

**Controlled Import Permit to Import Restricted or Not Authorized Plant  
Material**  
**Regulated by 7 CFR 319.6**

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<b>PERMITTEE NAME:</b>	Joshua Puckett	<b>PERMIT NUMBER:</b>	PCIP-20-00316
<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>	Sierra Gold Nurseries	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b>	P588-200728-004
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	5320 Garden Hwy Yuba City, CA 95991-9432	<b>DATE ISSUED:</b>	08/24/2020
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	5320 Garden Hwy Yuba City, CA 95991-9432	<b>EXPIRES:</b>	08/24/2021
<b>PHONE:</b>	(530) 681-2119	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	4019
<b>ALT. PHONE:</b>		<b>FACILITY ACCOUNT:</b>	Sierra Gold Nurseries
<b>EMAIL:</b>	josh.puckett@sgtrees.com	<b>RESEARCH CENTER:</b>	
<b>FAX:</b>		<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	
<b>GROWING LOCATION:</b>	5320 Garden Hwy Yuba City, CA 95991-9432	<b>FACILITY ADDRESS:</b>	5320 Garden Highway Yuba City, California 95991
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**PORTS OF ENTRY:** CA, South San Francisco

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:

<u>Article(s)</u>	<u>Countries of Origin</u>	<u>Plant Parts Grown in U.S.</u>	<u>Intended Use</u>	<u>Total Qty</u>	<u>Qty per Shipment</u>	<u>Number of Shipments</u>
Persea	Brazil South Africa	Stem, Whole Plant	Yes (Alternative proposal (attach supporting document))	Increase 100 tissue culture plantlet	50 tissue culture plantlet	2

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS**

See permit conditions below


**PERMIT CONDITIONS**

This permit authorizes the importation of the listed articles, under the conditions specified below. A copy of this permit (including all conditions) must accompany all shipments authorized under this permit.

In addition to this permit, genetically engineered plant materials regulated by 7 CFR Part 340 must be imported with a valid APHIS 2000 Permit or Notification. Please call (301) 851-3935 or email

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Biotechquery@aphis.usda.gov for more information.

Receipt or use of foreign isolates or samples from countries under sanctions requires specific permission from the U.S. Department of Treasury. See <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx> for current country listings.

Any person who violates the Plant Protection Act (PPA) of the United States, individuals or corporations who fail to comply with these conditions and authorizations, or who forge, counterfeit, or deface permits may be criminally or administratively prosecuted and found guilty of a misdemeanor which can result in penalties, a one-year prison term, or both. Additionally, any person violating the PPA may be assessed civil penalties of up to \$250,000 per violation or twice the gross gain or gross loss for a violation that results in the person deriving pecuniary gain or a pecuniary loss to another, whichever is greater. In addition, all current permits may be cancelled and future permit applications denied.

This APHIS-issued import permit only covers compliance with APHIS regulations and requirements. Therefore, this APHIS permit for the commodity to be imported does not reduce or eliminate the permittee's legal duty and responsibility to likewise comply with all other Federal and State regulatory requirements applicable to the commodity to be imported.


Some plants may be subject to regulations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). To determine if a particular species is regulated under Appendix I, II, or III of CITES, please consult the appendices for CITES located at <https://ecos.fws.gov>

1. This permit authorizes the importation of *Persea* spp. from Brazil and South Africa to Joshua Puckett, Sierra Gold Nurseries in Yuba City, California for increase in the approved facility 4019.
2. The person who is issued this PPQ Controlled Import Permit (CIP) and his/her employees or Agents, shall comply with the following permit conditions, which are deemed by the USDA APHIS Administrator to be necessary to prevent the dissemination and establishment of plant pests.

The permit holder must:

- (a) be at least 18 years of age, have and maintain an address in the United States that is specified on the permit, and be physically present during normal business hours at that address during any periods when articles are being imported or moved interstate under the permit.
- (b) notify the PPQ-CIP unit if it is necessary to transfer of permit ownership, and changes in address or phone number.
- (c) keep the CIP permit valid for the duration of possession of any imported plant material that is maintained under his/her possession until released from permit requirements as directed in this permit.
- (d) maintain the regulated plant material only at the location specified in the permit, and dispose of the material as described in the permit conditions.
- (e) notify the PPQ-CIP unit, within 5 days, of any signs of potential disease symptoms such as wilting, dying or sudden death, or accidental release or destruction of regulated plant material.
- (f) notify the PPQ-CIP unit of the receipt of any unauthorized plant material not listed on the permit.


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- (g) notify the PPQ-CIP unit, within 5 days, if facilities which contain imported plant material are renovated, decommissioned for any reason or severely damaged by natural disaster.
- (h) destroy all regulated plant material prior to the permit holder's departure from the approved facility unless other arrangements are confirmed by the PPQ-CIP unit, or unless a new permit is in place with a responsible party at the facility.
- (i) Notification or Contact information for PPQ-CIP unit: Telephone (301) 851-2046 or (877) 770-5990 (Toll-Free Automated System); Fax (301) 734-5786; Email: [controlled.import.permits@usda.gov](mailto:controlled.import.permits@usda.gov).
3. The plant materials must be selected from apparently disease-free and pest-free sources, free of federal noxious weeds and soil.
4. Inspection:
- (a) All regulated plant material is subject to inspection at a PPQ Plant Inspection Station (PIS) at the time of entry to the U.S. If found infected/infested at the PIS, plant material may be destroyed, treated or returned to the exporter at the permittee's expense.
- (b) Imported plant material may be refused entry if coated or covered with fungicide, insecticide or any other treatments that obscure inspection.
5. Packaging and Shipping:
- Packaging:
- (a) The shipment must be accompanied by an invoice or packing list indicating its contents, which are clearly labeled, and include the permit number on the bill of lading.
- (b) The imported plant material must be packaged in a sturdy closed container to prevent cross contamination and possible escape or introduction of plant pests during shipment.
- (c) Imported materials must not be wrapped or otherwise packaged in a manner that impedes or prevents adequate inspection or treatment.
- (d) Any packing material used in the consignment of the plant material must meet the requirements of § 7 CFR 319.37-11, and wood packing material used in the consignment must meet the requirements of § 319.40-3(b).
- Shipping:
- (a) A green-and-yellow-label is required. Labels will be provided in electronic form (PDF file) to the email address on file and must be printed in color. The green/yellow labels include detailed shipping instructions. Additional labels must be request at least five days in advance through ePermits using the My Shipments/Labels feature. Alternatively, email to [greenandyellowplantslabelrequest@usda.gov](mailto:greenandyellowplantslabelrequest@usda.gov).
- (b) Inform the exporter to use a) yellow/green permit label, and b) include a prepaid domestic airway bill in each package that directs the shipment to the final destination after the inspection at PIS. Alternatively, include your preferred courier account number that the PIS may use to generate a domestic airway bill to forward the shipment to the final destination.
- (c) When shipping using a bonded carrier such as FEDEX, DHL, etc., attach the green/yellow label to the exterior of the package which will direct the package to the designated PIS. **DO NOT PLACE ANY OTHER DELIVERY ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE.**
- (d) Include a copy of the permit inside the package

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6. Notification:

(a) Upon arrival of each shipment at the facility/location, the permittee shall notify, by email, the State Plant Health Director (<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd>) and the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's office at [lherbert@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:lherbert@co.sutter.ca.us) and Athar Tariq, CDFA at 916-403- 6766.

(b) The SPHD and the PPQ-Plants for Planting Office ([Controlled.Import.Permits@usda.gov](mailto:Controlled.Import.Permits@usda.gov)) shall be notified within 5 days of any abnormality noticed in the plant material or if the plant material dies. Dead plant material shall be double bagged and either autoclaved or incinerated after being recorded.

7. Identity:

(a) Before being used, all imported plant materials must be labeled "Quarantined material", and stored in a locked cabinet or other secure location under the control of the permittee to prevent pilferage and unauthorized use.

(b) From the time of receipt and until the material is fully released by PPQ, the identity of all regulated material must be maintained throughout the permit period by visible labeling. The information on the label must contain the permit number, the genus, species and cultivar, country of origin and date of arrival. Each plant (and related increase) must be tracked and identifiable.

(c) No increase of these plants is allowed. Submit amendment to the Permit unit if you like to change plant quantity by increases to plants already imported.

8. Monitoring and Record keeping:

(a) Standard Operational Procedures (SOP) on file must be followed. Any changes to the SOP must be first approved by the permit unit. Please email: [controlled.import.permits@usda.gov](mailto:controlled.import.permits@usda.gov)

(b) The plants are to be examined periodically by your designated plant pathologist for evidence of plant diseases.

(c) Records must be kept of all pest or diseases associated with the imported plants including abnormalities and death.

(d) Records of any pesticide applications must be maintained.

(e) The facility where the work is performed, and the imported plant materials are grown, are subject to unscheduled inspection by an APHIS representative during regular business hours. At the time of inspection, the importer must make records available for the imported material received under this permit.

9. Disposal:

(a) After the imported material is removed from the shipping container, the container must be bagged and sterilized by autoclaving, destroyed by double bagging and incineration, or double bagged and sent to a municipal landfill.

(b) All discarded growing media, containers and plant material must be sterilized utilizing methods such as an autoclave, heat application of 121 degrees Celsius (250 F) for minimum of 30 minutes to the core of the treated material, chemical sanitation or incineration prior to disposal into a land fill or municipal sewage. Recommendations for time depending on the type of materials are enclosed below:

<https://sterilizers.com/autoclave-time-temperature-pressure-chart.html>

(c) Unused imported plant materials must be devitalized/destroyed by sterilization using an autoclave or by double bagging and incineration. All related plant waste will be autoclaved or double bagged and incinerated prior to disposal or double bagged and sent to a municipal landfill.

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10. Greenhouse requirements:

- (a) Access to the imported material must be limited to you, your designated plant pathologist and those you authorize to care for the plants.
- (b) A pest management program must be in place to effectively control diseases and pests including arthropods, and insect vectors (e.g. aphids, thrips, and white flies) that potentially could transmit pathogenic organisms.
- (c) Records must be kept of all pest or diseases associated with the imported plants that are discovered, as well as any pesticide applications that the plants receive.
- (d) A dedicated greenhouse, or a physical barrier such as an insect screening/cage within an approved greenhouse must be used to keep plants isolated and pests from disseminating.
- (e) The plant material from individual shipments must be separated physically from any domestic or other imported plants.

11. Quarantine evaluation:

- Plants must be inspected periodically by the designated plant pathologist.
- Any plants found to be diseased and/or having an unusual/abnormal symptoms should be removed and diagnosed, if possible, for the pathogens listed below. These affected plants (and any dead plants) and their pots/media destroyed as described under the disposal condition group.
- Any pathogen testing data (ELISA or PCR-based) must be demonstrated before release is granted.

Quarantine period for *Persea* spp. is two years.

- a) Seed of *Persea* spp. from Central and South America, and Mexico should be free of *Heilipus lauri* (Avocado weevil), *Stenomoma catenifer* (Avocado seed moth) and *Conotrachelus* spp.
- b) *Persea* for propagation should be indexed and free of the Avocado sun blotch viroid and come from mother plants that have no history of black streak disease. In addition, *Persea* from Indonesia must be indexed and free of the cacao vascular streak pathogen *Oncobasidium theobromae*.
- c) Imported *Persea* propagation material must be tested using molecular tools (e.g. PCR) for Ppotato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd) and by PCR for Avocado sunblotch viroid (ASBVd) viroid.
- d) *Persea* spp. must be observed for evidence of wood borers, particularly *Anoplophora chinensis* and *Anoplophora glabripennis*.

12. Release:

- (a) Prior to release, neither the imported material nor increases may be distributed to any person or location unless approved in advance by the PPQ Controlled Import Permit Unit.
- (b) A decision to grant or deny permission to release the plant material will be made at the conclusion of the required PPQ quarantine period. Release will require a written statement from the State Plant Health Director (SPHD) who will consult with the designated plant pathologist and both must inspect the site for compliance and plants for any pests. Request inspection and release by SPHD of your State:  
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd>
- (c) Alternatively, APHIS PPQ may prescribe additional treatments or measures, if warranted by pest and/or disease findings.

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13. Permit validity and renewal:

(a) Controlled import permits are initially issued for one (1) year and may be renewed for up to an additional two (2) years.

(b) As part of the renewal package, the permittee must submit records that include propagation from the imported plant material, testing results, plant abnormalities and death, plant disposal information, and any pest or disease occurrences.

**END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS**

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